By: Coleman H.B. No. 2316

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2316:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to county powers, duties, and services, including the
- 3 powers and duties of certain districts, and the authorization of
- 4 certain health care programs and studies.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Article 26.13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 7 amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:
- 8 (j) A person who is incarcerated in a facility operated by
- 9 or under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may
- 10 submit a plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere regarding a
- 11 misdemeanor charge in writing, transmitted by mail, facsimile, or
- 12 other means. Before accepting a plea under this subsection, the
- 13 court shall make the admonitions required by this article to the
- 14 defendant in writing as provided by Subsection (d).
- 15 SECTION 2. Section 31.037, Election Code, is amended to
- 16 read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 31.037. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. The
- 18 employment of the county elections administrator may be suspended,
- 19 with or without pay, or terminated at any time for good and
- 20 sufficient cause on the four-fifths vote of the county election
- 21 commission and approval of that action by a majority vote of the
- 22 commissioners court.
- SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
- 24 amended by adding Section 531.0226 to read as follows:

- 1 Sec. 531.0226. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES MEDICAID
- 2 WAIVER PROGRAM. (a) If feasible and cost-effective, the commission
- 3 may apply for a waiver under Section 1915(c) of the federal Social
- 4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396n(c)) to more efficiently
- 5 leverage the use of state and local funds in order to maximize the
- 6 receipt of federal Medicaid matching funds by providing counties in
- 7 the state with the flexibility to provide benefits under the
- 8 Medicaid program to individuals who:
- 9 (1) have a net family income that is at or below 200
- 10 percent of the federal poverty level; and
- 11 (2) are eligible to receive mental health services
- 12 through the county.
- (b) In establishing the waiver program required under this
- 14 section, the commission shall:
- 15 (1) ensure that the state is a prudent purchaser of the
- 16 health care services that are needed for the individuals described
- 17 by Subsection (a);
- 18 (2) solicit broad-based input from interested
- 19 persons;
- 20 (3) ensure that the benefits received by an individual
- 21 through the county are not reduced once the individual is enrolled
- 22 in the waiver program; and
- 23 (4) employ the use of intergovernmental transfers and
- 24 other procedures to maximize the receipt of federal Medicaid
- 25 matching funds.
- SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
- 27 amended by adding Section 531.09721 to read as follows:

- 1 Sec. 531.09721. COUNTY HIV AND AIDS SERVICES MEDICAID
- 2 WAIVER PROGRAM. (a) If feasible and cost-effective, the
- 3 commission may apply for a waiver under Section 1915(c) of the
- 4 federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396n(c)) to more
- 5 efficiently leverage the use of state and local funds in order to
- 6 maximize the receipt of federal Medicaid matching funds by
- 7 providing counties in the state with the flexibility to provide
- 8 benefits under the Medicaid program to individuals who:
- 9 (1) have a net family income that is at or below 150
- 10 percent of the federal poverty level; and
- 11 (2) are eligible to receive medical treatment for HIV
- 12 or AIDS through the county.
- (b) In establishing the waiver program required under this
- 14 section, the commission shall:
- 15 (1) ensure that the state is a prudent purchaser of the
- 16 health care services that are needed for the individuals described
- 17 by Subsection (a);
- 18 (2) solicit broad-based input from interested
- 19 persons;
- 20 (3) ensure that the benefits received by an individual
- 21 through the county are not reduced once the individual is enrolled
- 22 <u>in the waiver program; and</u>
- 23 (4) employ the use of intergovernmental transfers and
- 24 other procedures to maximize the receipt of federal Medicaid
- 25 matching funds.
- SECTION 5. Section 552.116(a), Government Code, is amended
- 27 to read as follows:

- 1 (a) An audit working paper of an audit of the state auditor
- 2 or the auditor of a state agency, an institution of higher education
- 3 as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, a county, a
- 4 municipality, a school district, a hospital district, or a joint
- 5 board operating under Section 22.074, Transportation Code,
- 6 including any audit relating to the criminal history background
- 7 check of a public school employee, is excepted from the
- 8 requirements of Section 552.021. If information in an audit
- 9 working paper is also maintained in another record, that other
- 10 record is not excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 by
- 11 this section.
- 12 SECTION 6. Section 61.002(5), Health and Safety Code, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 (5) "General revenue levy" means:
- 15 (A) the property taxes imposed by a county that
- 16 are not dedicated to:
- 17 (i) the construction and maintenance of
- 18 farm-to-market roads under Article VIII, Section 1-a, Texas
- 19 Constitution;
- 20 (ii) [or to] flood control under Article
- 21 VIII, Section 1-a, [of the] Texas Constitution;
- (iii) [or that are not dedicated to] the
- 23 further maintenance of the public roads under Article VIII, Section
- 24 9, [of the] Texas Constitution; or
- (iv) the payment of principal or interest
- 26 on county debt; and
- (B) the sales and use tax revenue to be received

- 1 by the county during the calendar year in which the state fiscal
- 2 year begins under Chapter 323, Tax Code, as determined under
- 3 Section 26.041(d), Tax Code.
- 4 SECTION 7. Section 363.156(b), Local Government Code, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 (b) To the extent competitive bidding procedures in Title 8
- 7 apply, the board may not enter purchasing contracts that involve
- 8 spending more than \$50,000 [\$25,000] unless the board complies
- 9 with:
- 10 (1) Subchapter C, Chapter 262, if the district was
- 11 created by a county; or
- 12 (2) Chapter 252, if the district was created by a
- 13 municipality.
- 14 SECTION 8. Chapter 370, Local Government Code, is amended
- 15 by adding Section 370.0031 to read as follows:
- Sec. 370.0031. LOCAL REGULATION REGARDING SALE OF CERTAIN
- 17 ABUSABLE DRUGS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the
- 18 governing body of a municipality or county in this state may enact
- 19 an ordinance or rule prohibiting the sale of any drug or chemical
- 20 that is potentially abusable and poses a threat to public health as
- 21 <u>determined by the governing body.</u>
- 22 (b) The governing body of a municipality or county may not
- 23 <u>enact an ordinance or rule under Subsection (a) that:</u>
- 24 (1) prohibits the sale of any substance approved by
- 25 the federal Food and Drug Administration; or
- 26 (2) is inconsistent with state law.
- 27 SECTION 9. Section 382.002, Local Government Code, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 382.002. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to:
- 3 (1) a county with a population of 1.5 million
- 4 [825,000] or more, other than a county that:
- 5 (A) borders on the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or
- 6 inlet of the gulf; or
- 7 (B) has two municipalities located wholly or
- 8 partly in its boundaries each having a population of $\underline{225,000}$
- 9 [300,000] or more; or
- 10 (2) a county with a population of 70,000 or more that
- 11 is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1) in which a
- 12 municipality with a population of 35,000 or more is primarily
- 13 situated and includes all or a part of the extraterritorial
- 14 jurisdiction of a municipality with a population of 1.1 million or
- 15 more.
- 16 SECTION 10. Subchapter C, Chapter 382, Local Government
- 17 Code, is amended by adding Section 382.113 to read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 382.113. ANNEXATION OR EXCLUSION OF LAND. (a) A
- 19 district may annex or exclude land from the district as provided by
- 20 Subchapter J, Chapter 49, Water Code.
- 21 (b) Before a district may adopt an order adding or excluding
- 22 land, the district must obtain the consent of:
- 23 (1) the county that created the district by a
- 24 resolution of the county commissioners court; and
- 25 (2) a municipality in whose extraterritorial
- 26 jurisdiction the district is located by a resolution adopted by the
- 27 municipality's governing body.

- 1 SECTION 11. Sections 382.155(b) and (d), Local Government
- 2 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 3 (b) If authorized by a county, a district shall impose a
- 4 hotel occupancy tax in the same manner as provided by Chapter 383,
- 5 Local Government Code, and Section 352.107, Tax Code. Except as
- 6 provided by Subsection (d), [except that] a hotel occupancy tax may
- 7 be used only:
- 8 (1) for a [may be used for any] purpose described by
- 9 Chapter 352, Tax Code [authorized in this chapter]; and
- 10 (2) to encourage the development or operation of a
- 11 hotel in the district, including an economic development program
- 12 for or a grant, loan, service, or improvement to a hotel in [is
- 13 authorized by the county to be imposed by] the district.
- 14 (d) A district may impose a hotel occupancy tax [may not be
- 15 <u>imposed</u>] on the occupants of a hotel <u>and use the revenue from the</u>
- 16 tax for any purpose authorized by this chapter if [unless] the owner
- 17 of the hotel agrees to the imposition of the tax [hotel occupancy
- 18 taxes under this chapter]. After the owner agrees, the agreement
- 19 may not be revoked by the owner of the hotel or any subsequent owner
- 20 of the hotel. [After an agreement under this section, the district
- 21 may impose hotel occupancy taxes as provided by this chapter.
- SECTION 12. Section 387.003, Local Government Code, is
- 23 amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (b-1), (c), (e), (f), and
- 24 (h) and adding Subsections (a-1), (i), and (j) to read as follows:
- 25 (a) The commissioners court of the county may call an
- 26 election on the question of creating a county assistance district
- 27 under this chapter. More than one county assistance district may be

- 1 created in a county.
- 2 (a-1) A district may [to] perform the following functions in
- 3 the district:
- 4 (1) the construction, maintenance, or improvement of
- 5 roads or highways;
- 6 (2) the provision of law enforcement and detention
- 7 services;
- 8 (3) the maintenance or improvement of libraries,
- 9 museums, parks, or other recreational facilities;
- 10 (4) the provision of services that benefit the public
- 11 health or welfare, including the provision of firefighting and fire
- 12 prevention services; or
- 13 (5) the promotion of economic development and tourism.
- 14 (b) The order calling the election must:
- 15 (1) define the boundaries of the district to include
- 16 any portion of the county in which the combined tax rate of all
- 17 local sales and use taxes imposed, including the rate to be imposed
- 18 by the district if approved at the election, would not exceed the
- 19 maximum combined rate of sales and use taxes imposed by political
- 20 subdivisions of this state that is prescribed by Sections 321.101
- 21 and 323.101, Tax Code [two percent]; and
- 22 (2) call for the election to be held within those
- 23 boundaries.
- 24 (b-1) If the proposed district includes any territory of a
- 25 municipality, the commissioners court shall send notice by
- 26 certified mail to the governing body of the municipality of the
- 27 commissioners court's intent to create the district. If the

- 1 municipality has created a development corporation under Chapter 504 or 505, the commissioners court shall also send the notice to 2 3 the board of directors of the corporation. The commissioners court must send the notice not later than the 60th day before the date the 4 5 commissioners court orders the election. The governing body of the municipality may exclude the territory of the municipality from the 6 proposed district by sending notice by certified mail to the 7 8 commissioners court of the governing body's desire to exclude the municipal territory from the district. The governing body must 9 send the notice not later than the 45th day after the date the 10 governing body receives notice from the commissioners court under 11 this subsection. The territory of a municipality that is excluded 12 under this subsection may subsequently be included in: 13
- 14 <u>(1)</u> the district in an election held under Subsection 15 (f) with the consent of the municipality; or
- (2) another district after complying with the requirements of this subsection and after an election under Subsection (f).
- The ballot at the election must be printed to permit 19 voting for or against the proposition: "Authorizing the creation 20 21 of the ____ County Assistance District No.___ (insert name of 22 district) and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of [one-eighth, one-fourth, 23 [of one] percent (insert 24 three-eighths, or one-half, as] appropriate rate) for the purpose of financing the operations of the district." 25
- 26 (e) If a majority of the votes received at the election are 27 against the creation of the district, the district is not created

- 1 and the county at any time may call one or more elections [another
- 2 election on the question of creating one or more [a] county
- 3 assistance districts [district may not be held in the county before
- 4 the first anniversary of the most recent election concerning the
- 5 creation of a district].
- (f) The commissioners court may call an election to be held in an area of the county that is not located in a district created under this section to determine whether the area should be included
- o under this section to determine whether the area should be included

in the district and whether the district's sales and use tax should

- 10 be imposed in the area. An election may not be held in an area in
- 11 which the combined tax rate of all local sales and use taxes
- 12 imposed, including the rate to be imposed by the district if
- 13 approved at the election, would exceed the maximum combined rate of
- 14 sales and use taxes imposed by political subdivisions of this state
- 15 that is prescribed by Sections 321.101 and 323.101, Tax Code [two
- 16 percent].

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- 17 (h) If more than one election to authorize a local sales and
- 18 use tax is held on the same day in the area of a proposed district or
- 19 an area proposed to be added to a district and if the resulting
- 20 approval by the voters would cause the imposition of a local sales
- 21 and use tax in any area to exceed the maximum combined rate of sales
- 22 and use taxes of political subdivisions of this state that is
- 23 prescribed by Sections 321.101 and 323.101, Tax Code [two percent],
- 24 only a tax authorized at an election under this section may be
- 25 imposed.
- 26 (i) In addition to the authority to include an area in a
- 27 district under Subsection (f), the governing body of a district by

- 1 order may include an area in the district on receipt of a petition
- 2 or petitions signed by the owner or owners of the majority of the
- 3 land in the area to be included in the district. If there are no
- 4 qualified voters in the area to be included in the district, no
- 5 election is required.
- 6 (j) The commissioners court by order may exclude an area
- 7 from the district if the district has no outstanding bonds payable
- 8 wholly or partly from sales and use taxes and the exclusion does not
- 9 impair any outstanding district debt or contractual obligation.
- 10 SECTION 13. Section 387.005, Local Government Code, is
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 387.005. GOVERNING BODY. (a) The commissioners
- 13 court of the county in which the district is created by order shall
- 14 provide that:
- 15 <u>(1) the commissioners court</u> is the governing body of
- 16 the district; or
- 17 (2) the commissioners court shall appoint a governing
- 18 body of the district.
- 19 (b) A member of the governing body of the district
- 20 [commissioners court] is not entitled to compensation for service
- 21 [on the governing body of the district] but is entitled to
- 22 reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses.
- 23 <u>(c) A board of directors appointed by the commissioners</u>
- 24 court under this section shall consist of five directors who serve
- 25 staggered terms of two years. To be eligible to serve as a
- 26 director, a person must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of
- 27 the county in which the district is located. The initial directors

- 1 shall draw lots to achieve staggered terms, with three of the
- 2 directors serving one-year terms and two of the directors serving
- 3 <u>two-year terms.</u>
- 4 SECTION 14. Section 387.006(a), Local Government Code, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 (a) A district may:
- 7 (1) perform any act necessary to the full exercise of
- 8 the district's functions;
- 9 (2) accept a grant or loan from:
- 10 (A) the United States;
- 11 (B) an agency or political subdivision of this
- 12 state; or
- 13 (C) a public or private person;
- 14 (3) acquire, sell, lease, convey, or otherwise dispose
- 15 of property or an interest in property under terms determined by the
- 16 district;
- 17 (4) employ necessary personnel; [and]
- 18 (5) adopt rules to govern the operation of the
- 19 district and its employees and property; and
- 20 (6) enter into agreements with municipalities
- 21 necessary or convenient to achieve the district's purposes,
- 22 including agreements regarding the duration, rate, and allocation
- 23 between the district and the municipality of sales and use taxes.
- SECTION 15. Section 387.007, Local Government Code, is
- 25 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to
- 26 read as follows:
- 27 (b) A district may not adopt a sales and use tax under this

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- 1 chapter if the adoption of the tax would result in a combined tax
- 2 rate of all local sales and use taxes that would exceed the maximum
- 3 combined rate prescribed by Sections 321.101 and 323.101, Tax Code,
- 4 [of more than two percent] in any location in the district.
- 5 (c) A district may define areas in the district to pay for
- 6 improvements, facilities, or services that primarily benefit that
- 7 area and do not generally and directly benefit the district as a
- 8 whole. The district may impose different rates of sales and use tax
- 9 in each defined area, provided that the sales and use tax rate does
- 10 not exceed the rate approved at an election held under Section
- 11 387.003.
- 12 SECTION 16. Section 387.009, Local Government Code, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 Sec. 387.009. TAX RATE. The rate of a tax adopted under
- 15 this chapter must be <u>in increments of</u> one-eighth[, one-fourth,
- 16 three-eighths, or one-half] of one percent.
- 17 SECTION 17. Sections 387.010(a), (b), and (c), Local
- 18 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 19 (a) A district that has adopted a sales and use tax under
- 20 this chapter may, by order and subject to Section 387.007(b):
- 21 $\underline{\text{(1)}}$ reduce $[\tau]$ the rate of the tax or repeal the
- 22 tax without an election, except that the district may not repeal the
- 23 sales and use tax or reduce the rate of the sales and use tax below
- 24 the amount pledged to secure payment of an outstanding district
- 25 debt or contractual obligation;
- 26 (2) increase the rate of the sales and use tax, if the
- 27 increased rate of the sales and use tax will not exceed the rate

- 1 approved at an election held under Section 387.003; or
- 2 (3) increase the rate of the sales and use tax to a
- 3 rate that exceeds the rate approved at an election held under
- 4 <u>Section 387.003 after</u> [if] the increase [change or repeal] is
- 5 approved by a majority of the votes received in the district at an
- 6 election held for that purpose.
- 7 (b) The tax may be changed under Subsection (a) in one or
- 8 more increments of one-eighth of one percent [to a maximum of
- 9 one-half of one percent].
- 10 (c) The ballot for an election to <u>increase</u> [change] the tax
- 11 shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition:
- 12 "The increase [change] of a sales and use tax for the ____ County
- 13 Assistance District No. ____ (insert name of district) from the rate
- 14 of ____ [of one] percent (insert [one-fourth, three-eighths, or
- 15 $\frac{\text{one-half, as}}{\text{one-half, as}}$ appropriate $\frac{\text{rate}}{\text{one}}$) to the rate of _____ [of one] percent
- 16 (insert [one-fourth, three-eighths, or one-half, as] appropriate
- 17 rate)."
- 18 SECTION 18. Section 387.012, Local Government Code, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 387.012. EFFECTIVE DATE OF TAX. The adoption of the
- 21 tax, the <u>increase or reduction</u> [change] of the tax rate, or the
- 22 repeal of the tax takes effect on the first day of the first
- 23 calendar quarter occurring after the expiration of the first
- 24 complete quarter occurring after the date the comptroller receives
- 25 a copy of the order of the district's governing body [notice of the
- 26 results of the election] adopting, increasing, reducing
- 27 [changing], or repealing the tax.

- 1 SECTION 19. Section 3815.051(a), Special District Local
- 2 Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 (a) The district is governed by a board of $\frac{17}{2}$ [21] directors
- 4 who serve staggered terms of four years, with eight [10] directors'
- 5 terms expiring June 1 of an odd-numbered year and nine [11]
- 6 directors' terms expiring June 1 of the following odd-numbered
- 7 year.
- 8 SECTION 20. Subchapter B, Chapter 3815, Special District
- 9 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3815.055 to read as
- 10 follows:
- 11 Sec. 3815.055. INTERIM DIRECTORS. (a) The board serving on
- 12 September 1, 2011, is abolished and is replaced by an interim board
- 13 consisting of the following directors:

14	Pos. No.	Name of Director
15	<u>1</u>	Alan D. Bergeron
16	<u>2</u>	Sharone Mayberry
17	<u>3</u>	James Donatto Sr.
18	<u>4</u>	Hexser J. Holliday II
19	<u>5</u>	Osama Abdullatif
20	<u>6</u>	Skye Thompson
21	<u>7</u>	Asmara Tekle Johnson
22	<u>8</u>	Jaa St. Julien
23	<u>9</u>	Jimmy Arnold
24	<u>10</u>	Cyeoni Miles
25	<u>11</u>	Zinetta A. Burney
26	<u>12</u>	Chris Hageney
27	<u>13</u>	Teddy A. McDavid

- 1 14 Brian G. Smith Robert S. Muhammad 2 15 <u>1</u>6 3 Robert C. Combre Janice M. Sibley-Reid 4 17 (b) The terms of the interim directors expire June 1, 2015. 5 (c) The mayor and the members of the governing body of the 6 City of Houston shall appoint successor directors not later than 7
- 8 June 1, 2015, and shall stagger the terms of the directors, with 9 eight of the directors' terms expiring June 1, 2017, and the
- 10 remaining directors' terms expiring June 1, 2019.
- 11 (d) This section expires September 1, 2015.
- SECTION 21. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission shall study the health care delivery systems used by health care providers who are not physicians.
- 15 (b) The study shall examine using health care providers who 16 are not physicians to perform basic emergency and non-emergency 17 health care services and preventive health care services within the 18 scope of the health care providers' practice and license, including 19 evaluating:
- 20 (1) the potential cost savings of health care 21 providers who are not physicians performing these health care 22 services;
- 23 (2) any projected increase in access to health care 24 services for underserved communities; and
- 25 (3) any projected impact on the quality of care for 26 persons treated by health care providers who are not physicians.
- 27 (c) The study conducted under this section must

- 1 specifically address the potential cost savings and other
- 2 foreseeable consequences of expanding the authority of advanced
- 3 practice nurses to prescribe medication to patients.
- 4 (d) In conducting the study under this section, the
- 5 commission shall consult with:
- 6 (1) the Texas Medical Board;
- 7 (2) the Texas Board of Nursing;
- 8 (3) the Texas Physician Assistant Board;
- 9 (4) the Midwifery Board;
- 10 (5) the Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical
- 11 Examiners;
- 12 (6) the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
- 13 (7) the Texas Optometry Board; and
- 14 (8) any other regulatory body or professional
- 15 association that the department determines would be beneficial to
- 16 consult for the purposes of this study.
- 17 (e) The commission shall submit a report to the legislature
- 18 on the results of the study conducted under this section not later
- 19 than December 31, 2012. The report shall include any
- 20 recommendations for potential legislation relating to health care
- 21 providers who are not physicians.
- 22 (f) This section expires September 1, 2013.
- 23 SECTION 22. (a) An interim committee on health care
- 24 professionals is created to conduct a study of:
- 25 (1) the value of health care professionals in cost
- 26 containment and access to health care; and
- 27 (2) potential health care delivery systems that

- 1 include multiple types of providers.
- 2 (b) The committee is composed of five members as follows:
- 3 (1) two members appointed by the lieutenant governor,
- 4 one of whom must be a senator and one of whom must be a member of the
- 5 public; and
- 6 (2) three members appointed by the speaker of the
- 7 house of representatives, two of whom must be representatives and
- 8 one of whom must be a member of the public.
- 9 (c) The committee shall select a presiding officer and
- 10 convene at the call of the presiding officer.
- 11 (d) The committee has all other powers and duties provided
- 12 to a special or select committee by the rules of the senate and
- 13 house of representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government
- 14 Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees on
- 15 administration.
- 16 (e) From the contingent expense fund of the senate and the
- 17 contingent expense fund of the house of representatives equally,
- 18 the members of the committee are entitled to reimbursement for
- 19 expenses incurred in carrying out this section in accordance with
- 20 the rules of the senate and house of representatives and the
- 21 policies of the senate and house committees on administration.
- 22 (f) Not later than December 1, 2012, the committee shall
- 23 report the committee's findings and recommendations to the
- 24 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
- 25 and the governor. The committee shall include in its
- 26 recommendations specific statutory and rule amendments that appear
- 27 necessary from the results of the committee's study conducted under

- 1 Subsection (a) of this section.
- 2 (g) Not later than November 1, 2011, the lieutenant governor
- 3 and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the
- 4 members of the interim committee created under this section.
- 5 (h) This section expires September 1, 2013.
- 6 SECTION 23. (a) The legislature validates and confirms all
- 7 governmental acts and proceedings before the effective date of this
- 8 Act of a district created under Chapter 382, Local Government Code,
- 9 transferred from Subchapter C, Chapter 372, Local Government Code,
- 10 by Chapter 87 (S.B. 1969), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular
- 11 Session, 2009, before the effective date of this Act, including
- 12 acts of the district's board of directors.
- 13 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a matter that on the
- 14 effective date of this Act:
- 15 (1) is involved in litigation, if the litigation
- 16 ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court
- 17 judgment; or
- 18 (2) has been held invalid by a final court judgment.
- 19 SECTION 24. (a) Article 26.13(j), Code of Criminal
- 20 Procedure, as added by this Act, applies only to an offense
- 21 committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense
- 22 committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
- 23 law in effect at the time the offense was committed, and the former
- 24 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
- 25 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this
- 26 Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.
- 27 (b) The change in law made by Section 552.116, Government

- 1 Code, as amended by this Act, applies to an audit working paper
- 2 created before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.
- 3 (c) The change in law made by Section 363.156, Local
- 4 Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a purchase
- 5 made or contract executed on or after the effective date of this
- 6 Act. A purchase made or contract executed before the effective date
- 7 of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that
- 8 date, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 9 SECTION 25. Section 387.010(d), Local Government Code, is 10 repealed.
- 11 SECTION 26. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.